

St Thomas' and St Luke's Ashton-in-Makerfield Magazine



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9am Communion 10.45 All Age Worship	9am Morning Worship 10.45 Worship Together 18.30 Communion	9am Com 10.45 W	9am Com 10.45 W
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**This is the last edition of the magazine
unless a new editor steps forward**

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Booking Baptisms and Weddings

If you would like to book a wedding or a baptism, please email office@stthomasstluke.org.uk or ring 01942 727275.

Important Information

Baptisms

Baptisms normally held at St Thomas' Church at 12.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Baptisms at St Luke's are at 11am on the 3rd Sunday.

To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at St Thomas's or St Luke's. Parents and godparents should have been baptised and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church (if church is open), followed by a committal.

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met. For details please contact the church office on:

01942 727275or
office@stthomasstluke.org.uk

Sincere love

I don't know about you but I struggle to wear a facemask much of the time without my glasses steaming up, despite lessons from one of our church wardens!

We are living in a time when wearing a mask has become the norm. In fact in many places, including church, they are mandatory. Last year if we had talked about wearing a mask though, it was unlikely to mean a covering across your mouth and nose, but would generally mean something that allows you to hide your identity. That presents you in a better light.

Paul tells us in Romans Chapter 12 Verse 9 that "Love must be sincere". The Greek word used to mean sincere, literally means **un**hypocritical or without acting – without wearing a mask.

Unfortunately, many relationships in the world today are quite shallow or superficial. We have just seen a smokescreen of lies at the Republican Convention in America as they put up a front to protect themselves and attack their opposition as they prepare for the presidential elections in November.

We may not go to these extremes, but we often try to project an image of who we are. It is most obvious on social media, but also often in our face to face conversations. If we don't like who we really are inside, then we often try to project an image of who we would like to be instead.

When two people meet who are both hiding their true selves then it is these two 'fronts' or 'masks' that get together and sadly the two real people never meet. This is the opposite of 'sincere love'. Sincere love means taking off our masks and daring to reveal who we are.

But often we have worn our mask for so long that it is hard to think about going out without it on. It is through knowing that **God loves us as we really are**, that we are set free to be ourselves.

This brings a depth and authenticity to our relationships. Instead of trying to impress people with our masks, as we reveal who we truly are with all our flaws, we connect with them through our vulnerabilities.

Throughout Jesus' life, he showed sincere love to others and he is the role model we need to follow. He shows us how to be generous, hospitable, forgiving and empathetic. And calls us into a life full of love, joy, patience, faithfulness, generosity, hospitality, blessing, rejoicing, humility, harmony and peace; where good overcomes evil.

Jesus calls to us is to put aside our own selfish desires and remove the masks that prevent us from having authentic loving relationships with other people - **and most importantly with him.**

Sue Thomas



Lord set me on fire

I was born in Hindley but moved to Birmingham when I was 21 to work. After 40 years in Birmingham I felt God was telling me to come back to Wigan. I've got to be honest, I think Birmingham is at least one degree warmer, and I did say that to God.

I returned in 2014. When I returned, I found myself getting involved with a group of people who met and prayed for Wigan, and so I got involved in prayer and intercession. It was a great way to get to know people from different churches across Wigan. I had no idea what God wanted me to do but being involved in praying for Wigan and all the towns around seemed the right thing to do.

The Bible says the Christian life is a journey. There's always something God wants to teach us if we are open and desiring to go deeper with him.

As Christians we have events/moments during our walk with God that stand out: events that God uses often to draw us back to him because we have strayed a bit, or shown us a way forward when we've been at the crossroads. Or events that have taken us deeper in our relationship with him.

God stirs us up and we need that stirring. I imagine you can think of many of these moments, the most important being when you gave your life to Jesus. I had one of those events at New Wine a few years ago.

A man called Malcom MacDonald had just finished writing the book *Set me on Fire* and was doing talks every day on the topic of prayer, revival and being filled with the presence of God. I thought OK I'm interested in that, so I'll go along.

Well, after the first session I was hooked and couldn't stay away and I went to every session. On the last day something happened. There was a powerful moving of the Holy Spirit, Malcolm called people forward if they wanted to be set on fire, if they wanted to be filled with the presence of God.

People were kneeling, or lying prostrate, and to be honest I couldn't do either so I stayed on my chair. A team of people came round with oil to anoint those lying or kneeling, and I remember grabbing an arm and saying I'd like that.

Well as soon as that oil went on my head I started to weep and I mean weep. I wept for my sin, for my family, for the church in Wigan, for the people of Wigan and the UK. I honestly couldn't stop. I don't remember being like that before. I believe God was doing a work in me that day and it was linked with prayer/ intercession. He stirred me up again two years later when something similar happened again at New Wine. We often need stirring. I often need stirring up.

I believe today, the Lord is encouraging all of us – not just me – to get our hearts right with him and to pray. I have learned a lot from the South Koreans who have been visiting Wigan for a few years spending hours in prayer for the church and people of Wigan. They have such a heart for God and the people and church in Wigan and they are persistent in their prayers.

One of the largest churches in South Korea started with the pastor and just a handful of people. God told him to pray and they did, for years. The group began to grow in numbers, and after many years of praying there were thousands in the church.

Peggy and Christine on the Isle of Lewis in 1949 were both in their eighties and suffering from medical conditions. They looked at their church and saw no families, no young people. They had a vision of churches crowded so they began to pray. Three nights a week till 2am.

They struggled but carried on and the power of God fell on the Isle of Lewis. Revival came, churches were crowded. You can read the story in Malcolm's book or online.

Their prayers and the prayers of others down the centuries came from hearts on fire for God. and fire comes from our relationship with God.

"Being on fire is not about being over-intense or super spiritual; it is about genuine surrender rooted in worship and adoration."

Malcolm McDonald in Set me on Fire

How hungry are we for God, for being filled with the presence of God in our lives, in our churches? Are we content and comfortable in our current relationship with God? Do we long to see God moving in a powerful way across Wigan, drawing people into his Kingdom?

Wherever we are today, in our homes, in our quiet places, outside in our gardens wherever it might be we can all pray and ask "Lord set me on fire".

If you have been stirred and would like to know more about praying for others, please contact Carol Foster (prayer@churchwigan.org/733263).



Mothers' Union

Diary:

It seems an age since I was able to give details of a meeting of the branch but I do hope that we will be able to meet in the church hall on **Wednesday 16th September** when our speaker is Marion Henderson who I mentioned in the August edition is a Prison Chaplain. I would love to see all of you there but the social distancing rules mean that numbers will be limited, would please give me a ring so that I can book you in. 01942205136.

Advance Notice

Wednesday 21st October will be our Holy Communion Service in Church at 7.30pm. I am delighted to say that the Rev Sue Fulford will be presiding.

Literature Sales

I know that it is still summer but it is at this time that I remind you that our Literature Representative Maureen Cook is waiting for your orders of Christmas Cards, calendars, books etc as detailed in the catalogue. I would urge you to contact her in plenty time to place your orders. Please remember that the money received by Liverpool Diocese related to turnover has a knock on effect by helping to keep subscriptions down. This is achieved by the sale of cards etc right through the year but in particular with good Christmas Sales.





Mothers' Union

I am sure that you will all remember fondly the second of our Betty Shaws. Betty was 92 years old and passed away in August. She was a loyal member of our branch for many years. Betty was also a regular member of the congregation at the Thursday Morning Communion Service. I am sure that you would wish to join me in passing on our sympathy to the family at this sad time.

In the midst of loss and pain,
in the midst of feeling powerless,
in the midst of negative thoughts,
let us always be assured, God,
that you remain in control.

Bless us with inner strength,
bless us with inner peace,
bless us with inner joy.
Let us recount your blessings in our lives,
and not lose focus on Jesus.

In all things and under all circumstances,
Let us give thanks and praise to you, Lord,
for our lives will always be safe in your hand.
Strengthen our faith in you, Lord.
In you and in you alone we put our trust.

St Augustine Parish, Diocese of Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Love and prayers

Barbara

News from our churches

With Malcolm

Well sadly our appeal, set out in the August Magazine, for a volunteer to take over the preparation and editing of the St Thomas & St Luke's magazine despite the dire warning that this issue would be the last did not bring forward any response. It is therefore with great sadness that I write this last article of news. I have been involved with the production of the magazine for longer than I can remember certainly back to my early years as a churchwarden and I do feel that we are losing something precious to our fellowship here in Ashton.

I really do want to thank all those over the past years have been involved as part of the magazine team. In the team I include that dedicated group of people who throughout the year have delivered the monthly editions to the subscribers. I do believe that some have been doing this as long as my involvement. I can't possibly mention all by name but I can at least thank those currently involved in the persons of Jack and Helen Stuart for their part in the accounting and managing the advertising revenue and Sue Thomas for stepping in to keep the magazine going when editors have left. One person in particular needs thanking for his dedication is Robert Carson and his ever present film review which he has produced for so many years.

On a happier note I have pointed out in the past how our church depends on the work of its volunteers. I do want to take this opportunity of thanking Henry Hunter for once more taking up his tools and replacing the rotted section at the rear of the church hall. As an unexpected bonus Henry also cleaned out the hall gutters. Whenever I am around the hall, the vicarage or the graveyards I usually find Hojjat and Hadi two of our Iranian friends hard at work with strimmers and mowers under the instruction of Sue or Graham Bailey. I must include a big thank you for their work and a request for a prayer for Hadi who is missing his children.

News from our churches

With Malcolm

I would also thank Graham for his continued efforts in Heath Road Graveyard, this not being in his contract, but particularly for his very generous gift of fencing panels for the fence at the back of the church hall on the boundary with St Oswald's. Not only providing the panels but with help from, you guessed it, Hojjat and Hadi, putting them in place. I wont mention my minor part in this work!

Malcolm

YOUR GIVING MATTERS NOW, MORE THAN EVER

The present corona virus pandemic is having a serious effect on the financial position and vision at St Thomas's and St Luke's. Our church is dependent on the your generosity never more so than now. We are doing everything we can to offer help to those who need it through our support of the asylum seekers and the ACT Foodbank and at the same time to continue to provide all of the functions of an active parish church. As a part of the Deanery of Church Wigan we have a commitment to meet our portion of the parish share as well as meeting the regular expenses of a large parish. In addition to one off donations we do need to take the opportunity to renew our giving. Each of us can ask the Lord how we can give financially as part of St Thomas's. This may be the opportunity to begin a regular pattern of giving, or to review and increase the amount we can contribute to the life and work of our church.

We need your support so that we can continue with our work here in the community of Ashton in Makerfield.

Everything we do at St Thomas and St Luke is made possible by your giving, please consider going to our website and donate now Thank You.



It is with a heavy heart that I pen this article for the church magazine as Captain of the 1st Ashton-in-Makerfield Boys Brigade.

Over the past couple of months there have been a number of discussions between the current officers and helpers, myself, the Boys Brigade nationally and the Chaplin at St Thomas's church about the future of the Boys Brigade Company in Ashton-in-Makerfield.

A number of changes in the personal circumstances for many of the helpers and officers means that it would be impossible for the Company to reopen in September should there be a relaxation of the Covid restrictions that closed the Company back in March.

Unfortunately the custodians of the Company, the Church Leaders, have also been unable to find viable solutions to enable the work of the Boys Brigade in Ashton-in-Makerfield to continue.

This has obviously not been an easy decision for the Officers, helpers or the Church Leaders to make. It brings to an end 60 years of outreach provided by the Boys Brigade Company here at St Thomas and St Luke and in the wider community.

I have contacted Wigan and District Boys Brigade Battalion to make them aware of our position. I have spoken to the Captain and Officers at 1st Bryn, St Peters. 1st Bryn have the capacity



to take all of the Boys from Ashton and as part of the hub I hope that as a Parish you continue to support the Boys Brigade in advancing Christ's Kingdom amongst Boys.

In recent weeks I have contacted a number of people regarding items that were given to the Boys Brigade Company in remembrance of individuals or families to discuss their future wishes for these items. If I haven't been in contact and you believe the Boys Brigade has such an item related to you or your family please contact me on 07903866501.

On a personal note I'd like to thank all the current officers and helpers who I know have found this decision extremely difficult to make. Their individual commitment to the Boys Brigade and it's core values will have had a long lasting effect on all the boys nurtured during their involvement with the company. I say this based on the impact that the Boys Brigade has had on my life and faith as a boy, officer and captain. It can never be underestimated and for this I will be eternally grateful. To those in the parish both past and present who have supported The Boys Brigade in any way shape or form,

Thank you and God Bless

Gareth Hamlett



For the past 60 years, we at St Thomas's have been privileged to have a Boys Brigade. The 1st Ashton BB have been instrumental in bringing many boys and young men to faith. Over the years its members have always been ready to help at church events- a turn at concerts, serving food at the senior citizens parties, pancake night, not to mention the BB Christmas fair. Many boys have returned as adults to help- even becoming officers. One such boy is Gareth Hamlett who has served as Captain for many years. He has been a real encourager to his team of officers and helpers and to the boys they serve. The decision to close BB therefore has not been taken lightly. Lock down has proved difficult for officers and boys and no one is sure just when they could re open. With officers retiring and going on maternity leave and a reduction in the number of boys, its fallen to Gareth and his team to make the very difficult decision to close.

As a church family, we have committed to supporting BB and it's values - to extend the kingdom of God amongst boys. We stand with them now as they close.

We are not permitted to have large groups of people worshipping together at present, but when we're able, a service of celebration and of laying down of the Colours will take place where past and present members of BB and their families will be welcomed.

Please pray for the boys as they transfer to the BB at St Peter, Bryn where they will be welcomed. Pray too for Gareth, the officers and helpers as they prepare to dispose of equipment and begin the long close down process. They have all invested massively in BB and the next few weeks will be emotionally draining.

Jan

ACT Foodbank

Even though church is open we would still be grateful if non perishable are brought to the food cabin on St Thomas' church car park between 9 & 11 on a Friday or left in the red wheelie bin outside the cabin during the week.

Thank you very much for your support

THE FOODBANK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN 2020



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What's in your hand?

September is usually the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. With the current coronavirus pandemic, it's very different this year! However, it is still a good time to consider how God can use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community. He equips us with everything we need to make His love known.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He asked the question, '*What is in your hand?*' (Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down). God asks the same question of us: *What has God given you?* Our gifts, temperament, experience, relationships, mind, education can be used in the work God has given us to do. How will we use them to make a difference in the places where He calls us to serve Him?

John Ortberg, in his book *It All Goes Back in the Box*, speaks of Johnny, a 19-year-old with Downs syndrome. He worked at a supermarket checkout putting people's items into bags. To encourage his customers, he decided to put a *thought for the day* into the bags. Every night his dad would help him to prepare the slips of paper and he would put the thoughts into the bags saying, '*I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.*' A month later the store manager noticed that Johnny's line at the checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted Johnny's thought for the day. He wasn't just filling bags with groceries, he was filling lives with hope!

What has God given *you* that will help and encourage others?

Fair 4 All



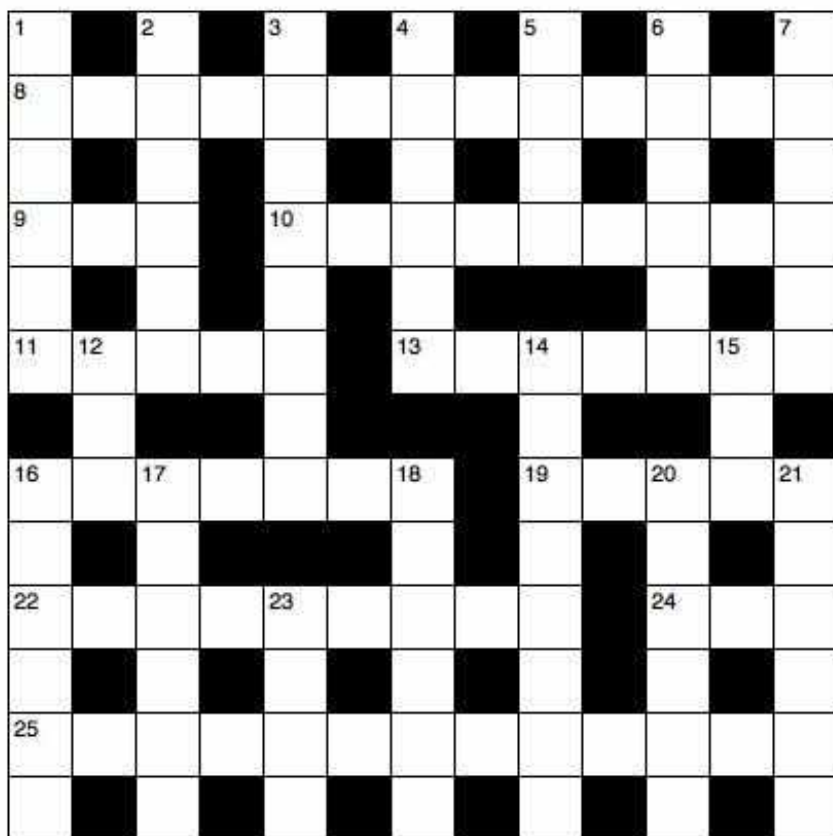
Fair 4 All, Warrington's only fair trade shop, is now open in the **new Warrington Market**. It's easy to find; just inside the lower entrance on Bridge Street and is open Mon-Sat from 9am-5pm. Pick up your favourite Fairtrade food stuffs and gifts at the new larger stall, where coronavirus safety precautions are in place.

Be the change you want to see - buy Fairtrade and ensure that farmers and workers in developing countries who grow the coffee, tea, cocoa and many other products that we love are fairly paid and can provide for their families with dignity.

If you would like to know more, contact Anne Wooff on 724207 or annewooff@yahoo.co.uk



Crossword



Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)

- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Robert Carson's Film Report



Tenet (12A)

Directed by Christopher Nolan

Stars: John David Washington, Elizabeth Debicki, Kenneth Branagh, Robert Pattinson, Clemence Poesy, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Himesh Patel, Michael Caine, Dimple Kapadia, Martin Donovan, and Fiona Dourif

In a Nutshell: It's a well-known fact that every single time Christopher Nolan unleashes a new movie on the world, that it's going to be unique and memorable and an instant classic. Where has he steered us wrong before given his last three films were Dunkirk, Interstellar and The Dark Knight Rises (which may not be The Dark Knight but was certainly one of the most exciting opening day screenings I've been to for a movie and is still a pretty great movie, one word: Bane). With all that's been happening in the world recently, it looked like we were going to have to keep waiting for this; his brand-new top-secret sci-fi action thriller of which no one could quite fathom what it would be about, with that cryptic title and those crazy trailers. Well, cinema found a way and now it's graced our eyes and what would you know? It's sure to divide people but I honest to goodness loved every single second. You really need to engage not only your brain, but your ears too because like Inception and Dunkirk to name just two before it, Nolan really uses sound in an explosive way... throwing important dialogue over vibrations and explosions to really immerse you in the action so you need to keep those ears sharp to follow the dialogue while the world crumbles. Once you can top that hurdle, and engage with what is happening.... Which if you thought Inception was insane and tricky to follow then you ain't seen nothing yet. I can't even touch the plot themes and idea of the plot too much; not just for fear of too much information but just because how do you even start to explain it? I reached the end point of the movie and quickly realised I had managed to follow it and when you do it is so rewarding. If you can get on board with it, then it's one heck of a ride throughout and even if you don't then I believe this ride is well worth taking. If I sound cryptic and waffling then it could be deliberate, it could be not. The absolute main reason though is the action and the visuals, and here Nolan totally outdoes himself once more.... Again I can't quite get into the descriptions but it's the first time in years I've genuinely been gob-smacked and gone wow on multiple occasions and it's that sort of moment and sort of idea that really reignites my love of cinema and going to the movies and this movie is absolutely essential viewing on an IMAX screen as Nolan once more makes full use of the medium to really fill the screen from minute one to minute 150. It goes without saying that he assembles a terrific cast with Washington building on his previous stellar work to engage as an enigma of a lead who doesn't even have a name whilst Pattinson is charm personified as his mysterious sidekick whilst Kenneth Branagh is just incredible as the despicable and mysterious villain, in turns steely and other moments just absolutely terrifying, you genuinely forget it's him at times it's that intense. Realising now this is maybe my longest review but this movie is on another level and you really need to see it for yourself and be the judge. I think it's an incredible and mind-

blowing achievement. We need some escapism right now and this will take your breath away on so many levels. As one character says 'Don't try to understand it, just feel it'...

Rating: 10/10

Misbehavior (12A)

Directed by Phillipa Lowthorpe

Stars: Keira Knightley, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Jessie Buckley, Greg Kinnear, Rhys Ifans, Lesley Manville, Keeley Hawes, Suki Waterhouse, and Phyllis Logan

In a Nutshell: Combining two niche genres that I really dig 'True stories that you never knew about' and 'Women taking on the system'... this terrific little British comedy drama is just an absolute delight and I was so thrilled to finally seek it out after its mid-March release was stalled by lockdown and cinema closure (literally the cinemas closed a day after it was released). Telling the story of the 1970 Miss World competition and how it was infiltrated by a feminist movement who had absolutely had enough of being told that they were only good for one thing. It's a great story that certainly I don't think was wide knowledge and is certainly a fun story to tell, and so it proves as the director assembles a prestige cast of upcoming and already proven talent to tell this tale. Keira Knightley who just gets better and better and better and better with every single role (with this coming shortly after the also must-see tale Official Secrets, see below in Also Seen) proving a dynamic foil as the single mother who joins the cause and is our anchor throughout. She is supported by the fantastic Jessie Buckley, fresh from astounding with last years underseen gem Wild Rose, as the more out-there leader of the movement who is reluctant to let this outsider join their cause. There's stoic support from Rhys Ifans and Keeley Hawes as the Miss World organizers and a fantastically odious Greg Kinnear (bless him, he really excels at those roles) as guest host Bob Hope who really ruffles feathers with his out dated jokes and views. The film terrifically shows both sides of the argument as one side you have this dynamic opposition but on the other you have Miss Grenada, who was the first person of colour to win the crown so you see the changes that are taking effect and do they really want to take away from such victories, no matter how small. It's a film that is joyous, very funny, very important and just a breezy two hours of great entertainment. We need films like this now and always, and it's essential and fun viewing.

Rating: 9/10

Also Seen

Project Power (15) 7/10

An American Pickle (12A) 8/10

Official Secrets (15) 9/10

Misbehaviour (12A) 10/10

Unhinged (15) 7/10

To everyone who ever read a review and saw a film based upon my recommendation, to everyone who simply enjoyed reading these and everyone who always gave support.

Thank You!



Wordsearch

The Church gives thanks for angels in September:

Tuesday 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs.

Angels

- guarded the Garden of Eden
- they led Lot away from Gomorrah
- they helped Gideon
- they stopped Balaam
- they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel
- most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah
- sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection
- Revelation is teaming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times.
- today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

Crossword

Answers

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.



Thanks	All	Intervene	Balaam	Gabriel
Angels	Genesis	Garden	Mouths	Mary
Church	Messengers	Eden	Lions	Mother
Feast	God	Lot	Daniel	Teaming
Michael	Sent	Gideon	Archangel	Revelation
danger				



Opening Times

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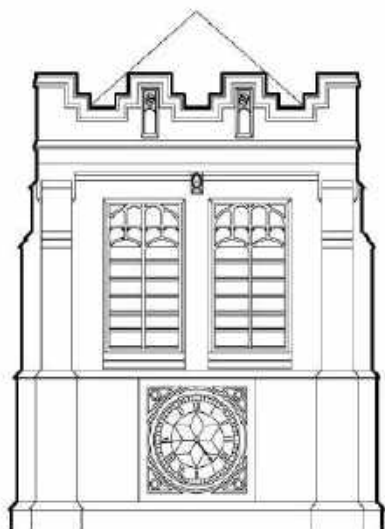
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28th August	Sandra Blinston	Cherry Tree Road	73
28th August	John Roby	Kiveton Drive	64

Lord, have mercy
on those who mourn
who feel numb and crushed
and are filled with the pain of grief,
whose strength has given up
You know all our sighing and longings:
be near to us and teach us to fix our hope on you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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